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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/196,867
Filing Date	November 20, 1998
First Named Inventor	Kelsall
Group Art Unit	1644
Examiner Name	DeCloux
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 3, 2000
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☒ Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 with signatures
 - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); Form PTO 1449; copy of one reference
 - iv. ☒ Other: Request for Extension of Time; Communication accompanying signed Declaration

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37. C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-0629
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) **12/28/2000 STEFFERA 00000062 09196867**
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.1356 and 1.17) **01 FC:179 710.00 OP**
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1600.00 (\$710.00 RCE fee and \$890.00 extension fee) enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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